## REMARKS

In response to the October 24, 2006 Office Action, Applicants respond to the Examiner's detailed action with the following remarks. Claims 20-44 are currently pending; Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, and 39 are hereby cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants have herein cancelled rejected Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, and 39, and believe that the application is now in condition for allowance, as all the remaining pending claims have been considered allowable by the Examiner.

Applicants appreciate the opportunity to call the Examiner but believe that the forgoing remarks fully address the issues raised by the Examiner. On the other hand, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if he has any matters to address that will facilitate allowance of the application.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

In the event that Applicants have overlooked the need for an extension of time, additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby conditionally petition therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No.: 50-3010.

Respectfully submitted,

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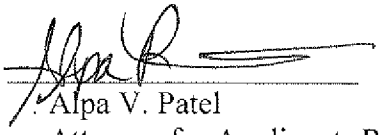
By: 

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